A.—(*a*) No rules have been made; but the instructions issued by Government for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board in the discharge of their duties will be found in G.O. No. 76, Public, dated 6th April 1924, G.O. No. 493, Public, dated 18th May 1925, and paragraph 3 (*e*) of G.O. No. 775, Public, dated 15th August 1925. (These papers were placed on the table of the House respectively on 27th March 1924, 19th March 1926 and 1st March 1927.)

(*b*) The names of applicants recommended by the Staff Selection Board to Government for the posts of Deputy Tahsildars and Deputy Superintendents of Police are shown in the appendix.[a] The names of the candidates appointed by Government are marked with an asterisk.

(*c*) The Government have in no case rejected the recommendations of the Board.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) & (*g*) Two of the four persons appointed as Deputy Tahsildars in January 1929 are sons of Legislative Council Members (M.R.Ry. K. Krishnan Avargal and M.R.Ry. S. Arpudaswami Udaiyar Avargal). Of the eleven candidates recommended by the Staff Selection Board the Government selected the four whom they considered best fitted for the appointment.

Wild Animals

Applications by villagers in South Kanara for permission to hunt in reserved forests.

* 220 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications made by the villagers in the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, respectively, for permission to hunt in the reserved forests in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of applications actually allowed; and

(*c*) the time that had elapsed between the date of the application and the date of the order in each case?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question 2015 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 27th March 1929. The Government have no further information on the subject.

Havoc done by wild animals in the villages of Albadi and Ajre in Coondapoor taluk.

* 221 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report—

(*a*) that in the village of Albadi (of Coondapoor taluk, South Kanara district), in about January last, a child was snatched by a tiger from its bed when the mother was sleeping by its side and was subsequently devoured; and

(*b*) that likewise in the village of Ajre of Coondapoor taluk a child was devoured by a tiger last year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 572 infra.